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1. VICTOR CRESPO HAS BEEN NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF HIGHER CULTURE, PORTUGAL'S COUNTERPART OF BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS. SUCCEEDING CRESPO AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IS DR. ALBERTO RALHA.

2. CRESPO AND RALHA CALLED ON PAO OCT. 3. THEY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH PROGRAMS AT TEXAS AND NORTHWESTERN. THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM CONTINUE AND EXPANDED. IN THIS CONNECTION, RALHA ASKED WHETHER DEPARTMENT WOULD OBJECT TO ADDITIONAL STUDENTS ATTENDING THESE INSTITUTIONS NEXT YEAR. HE SAID HE SHARES CRESPO'S VIEW THAT TEACHER TRAINING IS MORE PRESSING NEED, AND BETTER UTILIZATION OF \$1 MILLION, THAT PURCHASE OF AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND LIBRARY MATERIALS. BESIDES, CRESPO ADDED, MINISTRY HAS OWN FUNDS TO PURCHASE LATTER.

3. PAO REPLIED THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM IN ACCOMMODATING MINISTRY'S PREFERENCE FOR TEACHER TRAINING. WHILE NUMBER OF STUDENTS NOT SPECIFIED, RALHA INDICATED HE WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY NEXT YEAR.

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4. RALHA TENTATIVELY PLANNING TRIP TO U.S. IN

JANUARY TO MONITOR PROGRAMS AT NORTHWESTERN AND TEXAS. HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN SAMPLING WHAT OTHER UNIVERSITIES HAVE TO OFFER. IN THIS CONNECTION HE ASKED IF OFFICE OF EDUCATION COULD RECOMMEND OTHER SCHOOLS WHERE PORTUGUESE STUDENTS COULD STUDY FOR THEIR MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT CONTACT DR. RAYMOND WANNER, INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN OFFICE OF EDUCATION WHO IS PREPARING REPORT ON PORTUGUESE EDUCATIONAL REFORM. WANNER VISITED LISBON EARLIER IN THE YEAR. RALHA WOULD WELCOME WHATEVER WRITTEN MATERIAL OE WOULD CARE TO SEND THAT WOULD ACQUAINT HIM WITH PROGRAMS AND SCHOOLS IN ADVANCE OF HIS DEPARTURE.
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